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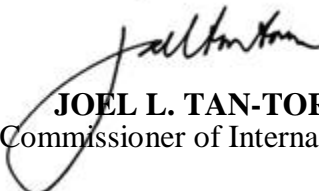
Dear Taxpayer,

As you are aware of, the income tax payment deadline for the 2009 income tax is due on or before April 15, 2010. We strongly suggest that you file your tax returns as soon as possible so that you will not be burdened by the “last minute” rush. We are also reminding you that we are making all efforts to make your tax compliance easier by providing for accessible information (you can reach us by calling our contact center at 981-8888, visiting our website at [www.bir.gov.ph](http://www.bir.gov.ph), or calling or dropping by in our nearest Revenue District Office or Tax Assistance centers. Our offices and most of our accredited agents banks are open this **Saturday, April 10, 2010**. Those of you who are qualified to comply via our electronic filing payment system can easily do so via internet. We also are reminding you to use the current tax returns and to accomplish all information in your tax returns to avoid any penalties for failure to do so. We also put in place several measures including your accomplishment only of three sets of the income tax returns and attachments; your submission of the Statement of Management Responsibility; and the need for your tax agent / practitioner to indicate the accreditation number in the tax forms and documents.

We also know that you correctly report all your income and claim the right personal exemptions and deductions. Our computer system with its extensive information warehouse is now able to check if you have properly reported all your earnings. We are now pursuing our Taxpayer Lifestyle Check and Re-invigorated Run After Tax Evaders Program against taxpayers who continue to evade their tax obligations. With our tax treaty network, the tax offices of foreign countries are now furnishing us information of investments and income earnings of Filipinos abroad which should also be reported in the income tax returns. After the April tax deadline, our tax examiners shall be focusing their audits on those taxpayers who have not met the benchmarks of increased tax payments and honest compliance.

Finally, after the tax deadline, we shall publish the top taxpayers in every district office as well as the taxpayers with the highest income tax payments nationwide. We would like to recognize these taxpayers who should be emulated and serve as role models for all of us.

We thank you for your tax payments that contribute to the well being that we all continue to enjoy.

  
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